

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council Members present were: Vice Chairman Nathan Miller, Dave Reagan, Carol Shelby, John Walker, John Withers, and Commissioner Ruth Shedd. Also present: Deputy Director Tim Batta, Attorney David Luhman, and Secretary Pauline Rohr. (Advisory Council Member Mike Kyger, and Director Mark Kirby were absent.)

Since Chairman Jimmy Kesterson was detained, Vice Chairman Nathan Miller called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ms Shelby moved to approve the August 9, 2005 Minutes as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tim Batta

- Deputy Director Batta explained that Director Mark Kirby is absent today because he and TEMA Secretary Brenda Melville are attending Flood Training at Camp Atterbury.
 - Martin Webb, TEMA's new Technician who was hired with grant funding, was introduced.
 - The Mobile Operations Vehicle is back from Wisconsin following repairs. Training on the vehicle is proceeding.
- ➔ Advisory Council Member Garry Smith entered the meeting.
- Work is proceeding to outfit the County Haz-Mat Response Trailer within the next 30 days.
- ➔ Advisory Council Member Ronald Fruitt entered the meeting.
- The State is still asking for the return of all money spent on the purchase of the Scott Air Masks. TEMA is working through the channels with Attorney Luhman. Attorney Luhman stated the grant money was designated for the purchase of certified gas masks. Scott was in the process of getting certification. We placed the order but Scott never received certification. The State says we have to purchase authorized certified masks. He said this needs further investigation. The State sent a letter to Porter County saying it is ok to purchase Scott masks if they are certified.
 - TEMA offered equipment and service to Mississippi through Homeland Security. We were told they need only staff and security for base camps.
 - Mr. Reagan said, by request, Tippecanoe County Civil Air Patrol sent equipment and two (2) staff members last Friday evening to Jackson, Louisiana.
 - There are 100 evacuees in Indiana now. The Red Cross is aware TEMA can provide assistance.
 - TEMA has been asked to assist with the Christmas Parade and will also have some equipment in the parade.
 - TEMA volunteers will assist with traffic during the 3 week-ends the Haunted Mansion is at the Fairgrounds. A donation for their services will be made to the Volunteer Fund.

BUDGET SUMMARY

75% of the budget has been spent through 69% of the year. No money has been spent for physical exams for the 30 Haz-Mat Team members because they are trying to negotiate the cost with health providers.

SIREN TEST

During the siren test held on Saturday, September 10th three malfunctioning sirens were reported but two of those reports were unfounded. The one siren that did not activate is located at Ivy Tech and is a siren they purchased. It will be re-installed Thursday morning following repairs paid by insurance. It will be the fifth siren in the system with battery back-up.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Dave Reagan, Chairman

The committee has not met but Mr. Reagan said they need guidance regarding who can serve on this committee. He knows individuals with expertise outside the TEMA organization who are willing to serve. Vice Chairman Miller said he thinks it is ok to have outside people on TEMA's committee.

HAZ-MAT TEAM REPORT: Deputy Director Tim Batta

The Team had two (2) responses.

- They assisted with West Lafayette Bomb Squad with the Seran Gas C4 incident.
- Monticello Fire Department had a fire involving multiple chemicals. The Team tested the air and supplied air packs.

Other Haz-Mat Teams in the County: Purdue, Lafayette Fire, Eli Lilly, and Wabash Fire has a Technician.

OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Director Batta gave a list of TEMA's sirens, as requested, to Attorney Luhman for insurance purposes.

Deputy Director Batta noted the volunteers will also assist with traffic during the Feast of the Hunter's Moon during daylight hours. The Mobile Command vehicle will be there and operational. Commissioner Shedd said the road has been widened since last year and will be striped before the Feast begins. Shuttle buses will continue to transport people to the Feast.

Mr. Smith asked for the development of Short and Long Term Goals for TEMA. He said he has no sense of where TEMA is headed. Vice Chairman Miller said his committee started a list of goals but so far they have only worked on community notification.

➔ Chairman Jimmy Kesterson entered the meeting.

Ms Shelby volunteered to serve on Mr. Miller's committee.

Attorney Luhman suggested hiring a facilitator to work with the volunteers and the Advisory Council to develop goals. Ms Shelby suggested asking Christopher Burke.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to ask the firm of Christopher Burke for a proposal with cost to act as facilitator for TEMA, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

Attorney Luhman and the Commissioners will contact Christopher Burke.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kesterson thinks the Advisory Council should examine TEMA's Mission Statement and goals so they don't have to second guess themselves after an incident. He said TEMA has to foster cooperation within the County as well as outside counties. Chairman Kesterson said he finds it hard to believe that FEMA has not accepted TEMA's offer of the Mobile Command vehicle and Haz-Mat de-con equipment for the situation in the Gulf states, especially since it was all bought with Federal grant money. He said we were told SEMA will coordinate and ask for equipment if needed.

The next meeting of the TEMA Advisory Council will be held at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 11, 2005 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Fruitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms Shelby; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor